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In the claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

- 1 1. (currently amended) A method of testing the hearing of a user utilizing a computer system, the
2 computer system including a computer and a speaker, the computer including a first audio source
3 and a second audio source, the computer operable to output an electrical signal to the speaker
4 from the first audio source and from the second audio source, the speaker operable to convert the
5 electrical signal into a stimulus, the method comprising:
 - 6 a) downloading a computer program from a server to the computer;
 - 7 b) executing the computer program on the computer, the execution of the computer
8 program muting the first audio source without user intervention;
 - 9 c) generating a stimulus; and
 - 10 d) receiving an input from the user that indicates whether the user heard the stimulus.
- 1 2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the act of downloading the computer program
2 includes transferring the computer program from the server to the computer via the Internet.
- 1 3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the act of downloading the computer program
2 includes transferring the computer program from the server to the computer via an email.
- 1 4. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the act of executing the computer program includes
2 muting the first audio source by setting the value of a check box.
- 1 5. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the act of executing the computer program includes
2 muting the first audio source by setting the value of a volume control.
- 1 6. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the act of executing the computer program includes
2 muting the first audio source by setting the value of a check box and by setting the value of a
3 volume control.

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1 7. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the act of executing the computer program includes
2 muting a microphone audio input.

1 8. (original) The method of claim 1, further including:

2 a) sending first data to the server;

3 b) qualifying the hearing of the user; and

4 c) sending second data to the computer.

1 9. (currently amended) A method of testing the hearing of a user utilizing a computer system, the
2 computer system including a computer and a speaker, the computer including a first audio source
3 and a second audio source, the computer operable to output an electrical signal to the speaker
4 from the first audio source and from the second audio source, the speaker operable to convert the
5 electrical signal into a stimulus, the method comprising:

6 a) downloading a computer program from a server to the computer;

7 b) executing the computer program on the computer, the execution of the computer
8 program storing a value that indicates whether the first audio source was muted and if
9 the stored value indicates that the first audio source was not muted, then muting the
10 first audio source without user intervention;

11 c) generating a stimulus;

12 d) receiving an input from the user that indicates whether the user heard the stimulus;
13 and

14 e) if the stored value indicates that the first audio source was not muted, then un-muting
15 the first audio source.

1 10. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein the act of downloading the computer program
2 includes transferring the computer program from the server to the computer via the Internet.

1 11. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein the act of downloading the computer program
2 includes transferring the computer program from the server to the computer via an email.

1 12. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein the act of executing the computer program
2 includes muting the first audio source by setting the value of a check box.

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- 1 13. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein the act of executing the computer program
2 includes muting the first audio source by setting the value of a volume control.
- 1 14. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein the act of executing the computer program
2 includes muting the first audio source by setting the value of a check box and by setting the value
3 of a volume control.
- 1 15. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein the act of executing the computer program
2 includes muting a microphone audio input.
- 1 16. (original) The method of claim 9, further including:
2 a) sending first data to the server;
3 b) qualifying the hearing of the user; and
4 c) sending second data to the computer.
- 1 17. (currently amended) A program storage device that contains computer readable instructions
2 that, when executed by a computer system, tests the hearing of a user by:
3 a) muting an audio source without user intervention;
4 b) generating a stimulus; and
5 c) receiving an input from the user that indicates whether the user heard the stimulus.
- 1 18. (currently amended) The program storage device of claim 17, wherein the act of muting the
2 ~~first~~ audio source includes muting the first audio source by setting the value of a check box.
- 1 19. (currently amended) The program storage device of claim 17, wherein the act of muting the
2 ~~first~~ audio source includes muting the first audio source by setting the value of a volume control.
- 1 20. (currently amended) The program storage device of claim 17, wherein the act of muting the
2 ~~first~~ audio source includes muting the first audio source by setting the value of a check box and
3 by setting the value of a volume control.

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1 21. (currently amended) The program storage device of claim 17, wherein the act of muting the
2 first audio source includes muting a microphone audio input.

1 22. (currently amended) A program storage device that contains computer readable instructions
2 that, when executed by a computer system, tests the hearing of a user by:

- 3 a) storing a value that indicates whether a first audio source was muted;
4 b) if the first audio source was not muted, then muting the first audio source without
5 user intervention;
6 c) generating a stimulus;
7 d) receiving an input from the user that indicates whether the user heard the stimulus;
8 and if the stored value indicates that the first audio source was not muted, then un-
9 muting the first audio source.

1 23. (original) The program storage device of claim 22, wherein the act of muting the first audio
2 source includes muting the first audio source by setting the value of a check box.

1 24. (original) The program storage device of claim 22, wherein the act of muting the first audio
2 source includes muting the first audio source by setting the value of a volume control.

1 25. (original) The program storage device of claim 22, wherein the act of muting the first audio
2 source includes muting the first audio source by setting the value of a check box and by setting
3 the value of a volume control.

1 26. (original) The program storage device of claim 22, wherein the act of muting the first audio
2 source includes muting a microphone audio input.

1 27. (currently amended) A method of testing the hearing of a user utilizing a computer system,
2 the computer system including a computer and a speaker, the computer including a first audio
3 source and a second audio source, the computer operable to output an electrical signal to the
4 speaker from the first audio source and from the second audio source, the speaker operable to
5 convert the electrical signal into a stimulus, the method comprising:

- 6 a) downloading a computer program from a server to the computer;

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- 7 b) executing the computer program on the computer, the execution of the computer
8 program un-muting the first audio source without user intervention;
9 c) generating a stimulus; and
10 d) receiving an input from the user that indicates whether the user heard the stimulus.

1 28. (original) The method of claim 27, wherein the act of downloading the computer program
2 includes transferring the computer program from the server to the computer via the Internet.

1 29. (original) The method of claim 27, wherein the act of downloading the computer program
2 includes transferring the computer program from the server to the computer via an email.

1 30. (original) The method of claim 27, wherein the act of executing the computer program
2 includes un-muting the first audio source by setting the value of a check box.

1 31. (original) The method of claim 27, wherein the act of executing the computer program
2 includes un-muting the first audio source by setting the value of a volume control.

1 32. (original) The method of claim 27, wherein the act of executing the computer program
2 includes un-muting the first audio source by setting the value of a check box and by setting the
3 value of a volume control.

1 33. (original) The method of claim 27, wherein the act of executing the computer program
2 includes un-muting a MIDI input.

1 34. (original) The method of claim 27, wherein the act of executing the computer program
2 includes un-muting a WAVE input.

1 35. (original) The method of claim 27, further including:
2 a) sending first data to the server;
3 b) qualifying the hearing of the user; and
4 c) sending second data to the computer.

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1 36. (currently amended) A program storage device that contains computer readable instructions
2 that, when executed by a computer system, tests the hearing of a user by:

- 3 a) un-muting an audio source without user intervention;
4 b) generating a stimulus; and
5 c) receiving an input from the user that indicates whether the user heard the stimulus.

1 37. (currently amended) The program storage device of claim 36, wherein the act of un-muting
2 the ~~first~~ audio source includes un-muting the first audio source by setting the value of a check
3 box.

1 38. (currently amended) The program storage device of claim 36, wherein the act of un-muting
2 the ~~first~~ audio source includes un-muting the first audio source by setting the value of a volume
3 control.

1 39. (currently amended) The program storage device of claim 36, wherein the act of un-muting
2 the ~~first~~ audio source includes un-muting the first audio source by setting the value of a check
3 box and by setting the value of a volume control.

1 40. (currently amended) The program storage device of claim 36, wherein the act of un-muting
2 the ~~first~~ audio source includes un-muting a WAVE input.

1 41. (currently amended) The program storage device of claim 36, wherein the act of un-muting
2 the ~~first~~ audio source includes un-muting a MIDI input.

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